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1. HONDURAS 2. CNTRY CODE: 215 3. SER. NO: 0058300

4. JUAN N, KAWAS Y CIA. SUCS. S.A.
(REQUESTED AS JUAN N. KAWAS Y CIA)

5. APARTADO POSTAL 99, AVE. SAN ISIDRO 6 CALLE

6. LA CEIBA, ATLANTIDA, HONDURAS

7. ESTABL: 1945 8. EMPL: 46 9. SIZE: (19-X) LARGE

10. REPUTATION: (22-X) EXCELLENT

11. SELLS ITS PRODUCTS IN HONDURAS

12. RPT. DATE: 07/77

13A. 35195/135 IMP, RET AND DIST OF OUTBOARD MOTORS
13B. 36300/135 IMP, RET AND DIST OF ELECTRICAL HOUSEHOLD APPLICANCES
13C. 35231/135 IMP, RET AND DIST OF FARM TRACTORS
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13D. 34294/135 IMP, RET AND DIST OF BUILDERS HARDWARE
13E. 37141/135 IMP, RET AND DIST OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS AND
ACCESSORIES.
13F. 22211/135 IMP, RET AND DIST OF SYNTHETIC TEXTILES.
13G. 20853/135 IMP, RET AND DIST OF BOTTLED LIQUORS

14. CONTACT: BISHARA J. KAWAS, TITLE: PRESIDENT

15. CABLE: SAWKA 16. TELEX: NA 17. TEL: 422346

18. FINANCIAL REFS: BANCO ATLANTIDA, S.A. AVE. SAN ISIDRO, 1
CALLE, LA CEIBA; WHITNEY NATIONAL BANK, P.O. BOX 61260, NEW
ORLEANS, LA.

19. TRADE REFS: INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ELECRCO CO., 570 LEXINGTON
AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022.

20. AGENCY REP. OF INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., 570
LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022, FOR HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES,
ACQUIRED 1949; UNION CARBIDE CORP., 270 PARK AVE., NEW YORK,
N.Y. 10017, FOR EVEREADY BATTERIES, ACQUIRED 1949; AMANA REFRIGERATIO
N
INC., AMANA, IOWA 52203, FOR REFRIGERATORS, ACQUIRED 1949;
OUTBOARD MARINE INTERNATIONAL INC., 37NE 179 ST., MIAMI, FLA.,
FOR OUTBOARD MOTORS, ACQUIRED 1949.

21. THIS FIRM WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1902 BY THE KAWAS BROTHERS
UNDER THE NAME LA CASA COLORADA, AND MANAGED BY MR. BISHARA KAWAS,
THE OLDEST BROTHER. IT WAS REORGANIZED IN 1945 AS A CORPORATION,
AND THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO JUAN N. KAWAS Y CIA. SUCS. S.A. THE
FIRM OPERATES A HARDWARE STORE, AUTO AND SPARE PARTS AGENCY, A
RICE MILL AND A GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORE. THE FIRM HAS A BASIC
CAPITAL OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS; 1976 SALES REACHED \$3.3 MILLION.
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ITS MAJOR STOCKHOLDERS ARE BISHARA J. KAWAS, SELIM J. KAWAS,
MIGUEL J. KAWAS, SIMON J. KAWAS AND VIOLA CASTILLO DE KAWAS. THE
FIRM WHOLESALERS TO OTHER SMALLER GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES
AND SUPERMARKETS IN HONDURAS. MR. BISHARA KAWAS IS A VERY WEALTHY
AND WELL KNOWN HONDURAN BUSINESSMAN WHO ALSO HAS INTERESTS IN
SEVERAL OTHER LARGE FIRMS IN THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL
BANKS, SUGAR MILLS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES. THE FIRM'S FINANCES
ARE SOUND AND OBLIGATIONS ARE MET PROMPTLY. THE POST CONSIDERS THE
SUBJECT AN EXCELLENT TRADE CONTACT FOR U.S. FIRMS.

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